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News in Brief

Memorial Day remembrance set

The Warrensburg American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5844 hosts a veterans remembrance at 11 a.m. May 31 at the Johnson County Court House in Warrensburg.

The featured speaker is Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander. A free lunch will be provided. For more details, call Lt. Col. Fred Niblock at 687-6962.

CPF schedules early closing

The Civilian Personnel Flight closes at 11 a.m. today for an office event. For more details, call the CPF at 687-6475.

Med Gp sets temporary closing

The 509th Medical Group and base clinic will be closed for all services May 28 for a group event.

Road repairs scheduled

Road repairs on base are currently taking place at the northern housing area on Langley Drive, on Vandenburg Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, Summit Drive, and Westover Road. Repairs will also be made in the Bldg. 705 parking lot. Base members are reminded to obey posted road closure and detour signs. For more details, call Gary Hall at 687-6281.

Detour near base scheduled

Route D east of Whiteman will be closed Monday to replace the bridge over Long Branch Creek. Traffic will detour until the bridge is complete and the roadway reopens in September. For more details, call Steve Porter at 816-622-6329.

BCC luncheon set

The Base Community Council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Missions End. The guest speaker is Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Frances Wilson, commandant, Industrial College of the Armed Forces. The cost is \$8.50. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. to the public affairs office by 12:30 p.m. Monday at bcc.rsvp@whiteman.af.mil or 687-6151.

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Tech. Sgt. Gina Anderson, 509th Bomb Wing military equal opportunity flight, talks with her son, Kevin Wain, about what he can expect during his senior year at Knob Noster High School.

PCS policy to consider kids' needs

Families of high-school seniors may get to stay in place

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (Air Force Print News) — Some Air Force families with children entering their senior year of high school may get to stay longer at their current duty stations thanks to a new policy announced in March.

"In today's environment of deployments and high operations tempo, it's important that we alleviate stress on families wherever we can," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. "This initiative is designed to do that."

"This is a policy we think increases the quality of life for Air Force families," said Roger Blanchard, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel. "The intent is to decrease turbulence and increase stability for military families."

Kevin Wain, son of Tech. Sgt. Gina Anderson, 509th Bomb Wing, is one of many dependents that will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

Kevin said it would be very difficult if he had to leave Whiteman before or during his senior year. "Becoming a senior is stressful. I couldn't imagine having to start over and make new friends. It just wouldn't be right," he said.

Sergeant Anderson was a military dependent that was moved just before her senior year of high school. She said having gone through the experience, it would break her heart if she had to move now. "I'd have to find a way to let (Kevin) stay here, it would split our family. I'm very much in favor of the (High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program)," she said.

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferment Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers up through the rank of lieutenant colonel, to apply for a one-year assignment deferment. Back-to-back deferments may be possible, and dual-military couples may also apply.

Even with the changes, officials said the mission comes

first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferments.

"Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis," said Col. Kathleen Grabowski, chief of assignment programs and procedures at the Air Force Personnel Center. "The goal is to approve as many requests as mission needs allow without being unfair, but the reality is that some requests won't be possible due to Air Force needs. We'll work with people as we always have," she said.

To be eligible, the senior in high school must be a dependent of and living with the Airman requesting the deferment, and he or she must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility System, she said.

Officers will need to apply before being put on assignment while enlisted members will not apply until after being matched to an assignment, said Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures. Applications are available from military personnel flights and commander support staffs.

Officials estimate that annually 20 to 25 percent of officers and senior noncommissioned officers have children entering their senior year of high school and perhaps one third of those could be eligible for assignment in a given year.

"It's a benefit to families if teenagers can attend the senior prom and graduate with their established friends," Mr. Blanchard said.

The policy makes official what was already being done informally whenever possible in the past, said Colonel Grabowski. In some cases assignments teams were already successfully working with Airmen to allow families stability when children were preparing to graduate, she said.

The Air Force Contact Center offers information about this and other personnel programs by calling toll free (800) 616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. (Senior Airman Nick Martin contributed to this article)

Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller
509th Bomb Wing Commander

Warfighter practice. This weekend we begin exercising our ability to support U.S. Strategic Command. Our key role in the air campaigns over Afghanistan and Iraq, makes it easy to focus on our conventional capabilities — but it's just as important to maintain our nuclear warfighting skills. This exercise will help keep us ready for any tasking and help us prepare for a Nuclear Operational Readiness Inspection in the fall.

509ers have posted an impressive string of exercise and inspection accomplishments in recent months — let's continue that high standard!

Saving lives. The Red Cross collected 132 units of blood during its Blood Drive here May 13 and 14, bringing our total to over 600 units since July. Giving blood is one of the easiest ways to have a life-changing impact on our community. More than 20 people donated for the first time in this latest event — thank you!

The Red Cross will be back in September — be ready to roll up your sleeves!

Be heard. Hundreds of Airmen from Whiteman are deployed, fulfilling their military duty overseas. But have you thought about your duty to vote? As military members, we earn the freedoms we work so hard to defend — let's exercise them! Contact your unit voting assistance officer today to ensure that no matter where you are serving this year, your voice will be heard!

Summer is here! School is out, and by this time next week, many of you will already be on the road for the Memorial Day weekend. It's a great time to rest, recharge, and have fun with family and friends. PLEASE plan what you do — don't take risks you shouldn't take! For example, make sure you're qualified to operate the equipment — boats, motorcycles and such — that are part of our summer lifestyle. Don't drive tired or after drinking. Supervisors, share your safety emphasis with your people. Most importantly, keep an eye out for the younger ones taking advantage of their summer vacation. It only takes a moment to think things through, and that moment can prevent a lifetime of regret. STAY SAFE!



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Second Lieutenant Jennifer Pickett, 509th Bomb Wing staff voting officer, shows Senior Airman Christina Gordon, 509th BW, how to fill out an absentee ballot before deploying. For more details about voting and absentee ballots, call Capt. Romero Reid at 687-6469.

Training instrumental in mission accomplishment



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Senior Airman Garrett Trent, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron training manager, instructs Airman Michael Henry, 509th AMXS, on how to properly study his career development course material. Training plays a crucial role in mission success, said Col. Chris Matson, 509th Maintenance Group commander.

By Col. Chris Matson

509th Maintenance Group Commander

It has always been the Air Force way of life to train for mission accomplishment. We're always learning, reviewing and improving the way we do business. We've been practicing continuous process improvement for many years. As years go by, the only thing that changes about training is the name, but overall we continuously improve upon mission accomplishment.

While preparing for the first few days on a new job — how many times have we said to ourselves, "My training and experience will see me through."

Once on the job it doesn't take long before the old hands realized the "new person" didn't really know too much about the business at hand.

Acronyms, technical details and in-house jargon keep rebounding off the walls. Before we do damage to an excellent organization, we should always get smarter and seek as much training as possible — both formal and on the job.

On more than one occasion I've taken one course after another and this training has helped improve my knowledge base and ability to get the mission done.

We should return educated, informed and environmentally green.

Armed with thirst for knowledge, we all need to visit our sections or other sections and learn how the

smaller parts fit into the bigger scheme of mission operations. As we do this, we'll improve. One thing I've seen in my vast years of service is that all sections have experts — so seek them out.

Additionally, we have lots of folks who don't know or have insight into the bigger picture. Helping share the "whys" of what we're doing provides that insight. It helps us all have a better understanding of why we have to work so hard.

All members of an organization should recognize the all-around benefits of improved training. As a result, we ensure members are equipped with the best tool of all — knowledge. It's generally accepted that more than 80 percent of problems can be tracked back to insufficient — or worse — inaccurate training.

Training is the cornerstone. All of our people — Airmen, NCOs, officers, and civilians, whether working days, swings or mids should be involved in continuous training and process improvements. No one is forgotten, no stone is left unturned. No one is considered beyond training.

The most difficult question to answer is, "What don't I know?" Think about it. Your organization could benefit from improved training. When attitudes are good, we all want to achieve and be recognized.

Can training make a difference to your organization? You be the judge. Look at the areas you touch around the base and ask what you could do better. Bottom-line, training pays big dividends.

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Photo by Senior Airman Nick Martin

Cathleen Murphy, American Red Cross donor services technician, draws blood from Airman Anna Glorioso, 509th Medical Operations Squadron.

Whiteman hosts blood drive

The American Red Cross held a blood drive May 13 and 14, 2004 on Whiteman. The event, held at the community center, collected 132 units of blood from 151 donors. In addition, 27 people gave blood for the first time. Fifty volunteers from Whiteman helped support the blood drive.

Since the beginning of the American Red Cross blood program on the base in July 2003, the men and women on Whiteman have donated a total of 606 units of blood to the American Red Cross.

Each unit of blood can be split into three products: red blood cells, platelets and plasma; thus, Whiteman members have saved potentially up to 1818 lives thru blood donation to the American Red Cross.

"It's very exciting to see this event grow," said Hayley Clark, Donor Recruitment Account Manager with the American Red Cross.

"I see lots of new faces each event, and we always enjoy seeing our 'regular' donors come in as well. To all who helped, thank you and we look forward to the September event," Mr. Clark said.

The next American Red Cross blood drive is planned for September 16 and 17, 2004 and will be sponsored by the Officer's Spouses Club.

Potential donors should weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be 17 years of age and be in good health. You can donate blood every 56 days. *(Courtesy of The American Red Cross)*



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

Inter galactic

Staff Sgt. James Callari, 9th Airlift Squadron Dover Air Force Base, explains tie down procedures to Airman 1st Class Ryan Persad, 509th Munitions Squadron, on board a C5 Galaxy during a Joint Airborne Air Transportability Training exercise. With its tremendous payload capability, 270,000 pounds, the C-5 Galaxy, an outsized-cargo transport, provides the Air Mobility Command intertheater airlift in support of national defense.



Courtesy Photo

Proceed to seed trees

Neil Bass, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Conservation Frontiers Club and youth center members Destiny Hall, Bryton Kendall and Jessica Kowalczyk, prepare Whiteman for its 10th consecutive year as a Tree City USA. Whiteman is designated a Tree City USA site because of its continued commitment to maintaining its urban forest. These forests provide many environmental benefits and an aesthetic quality to the base community. The 509th CES Environmental Flight partnered with the youth center to plant 30 shrubs and trees. Some of the species were aromatic sumac, river birch, and grey dogwood. Destiny's parents are Tech. Sgt. David and Daniell Hall, 509th Security Forces Squadron. Bryton's parents are Master Sgt. Jim and Sharon Kendall, 509th SFS. Jessica's father is Senior Airman John Kowalczyk, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Happy family

Maria Babor, wife of 1st Lt. Will Babor, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, helps her daughter, Cleo, make a craft at the spouse appreciation day May 14. Ann Beam, Family Support Center community readiness consultant and Spouse Day coordinator, said over 100 spouses attended. Activities included tours of Oscar-01 and the B-2, as well as numerous classes such as scrapbooking and spinning. Military Spouse Day originated in 1984 when former President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the day to recognize the importance of spouse commitment to service members. This annual May event is important to honor the contributions of military spouses, Ms. Beam said.

Argentina native sets sights on AF Academy



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Nick Velati, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, is congratulated by Lt. Col. Timothy Dennison, 509th MOS commander May 14. Major Dennison told Airman Velati he qualified for the Air Force Academy.

Continuing the LEGACY

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan
Public Affairs

While growing up in Buenos Aires Argentina, Airman 1st Class Nick Velati and his friends would often talk about what they wanted to be.

Airman Velati's answer?
Ingeniero aeronautico or aeronautical engineer. Maybe.

In a country ridden by inflation and a spiraling economy, hopes for a better life fell with an uncertain job market.

Living in the outskirts of the city in a two-bedroom apartment, Airman Velati had little to do. Then the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron member discovered computers and soccer.

The information age had just hit Argentina and Airman Velati said few people in Argentina owned computers. At 11, he wanted to learn more about science and engineering. For more than a year, he

saved his money, earned from working as a computer repair technician, to purchase his own computer. When he wasn't surfing the net, he was kicking a ball into a net.

Like many Argentinians, Airman Velati discovered a new passion: soccer.

Each day after school, Airman Velati and his friends would walk to the *poli deportivo*, or "sports place." There, Airman Velati and his friends would have epic soccer battles on a mostly dirt field.

"(Playing) soccer takes your mind off everything else," he said.

Airman Velati developed into a high-scoring striker, and even received an invitation to train with a pro team for one summer. But his real interest was away from the soccer field.

Sharing a room with two sisters, he spent hours on his desk reading about his future career amid stacks of *Popular Science* magazines and computer printouts. He began reading reports on propulsion systems, future space missions and biographies of astronauts.

"I just always knew I wanted to be an engineer," said Airman Velati, 21. "I always had a passion for math and physics. It was my ultimate dream."

After graduating from Rivadavia High School in 2000, he realized to pursue his goal, he would have to travel to the Bal-seiro Institute in the southern region of Argentina, the only school that had aeronautical engineering on its curriculum.

But he wouldn't take that route. His parents, weary of the turmoil in their native country, made a difficult decision: to return to the United States.

The family had lived in Irvine, Calif., for eight years before returning to Argentina to be close to family.

Airman Velati left his friends and extended family again. Without citizenship, much experience or an education, his

goal of working in aeronautical engineering faded.

At 19 and living in Encinitas, Calif., he worked two jobs as an office assistant while taking part-time classes.

"I felt like I didn't have enough time or money to pursue my goals," he said.

That's when he enlisted in the Air Force in May 2001 and attended basic training the following August.

He received a job as a data systems analyst. After arriving at Whiteman in February 2002, he was named the 509th Maintenance Group's Airman of the Year.

"He has a determination to get things done," said his supervisor, Senior Airman Jamey Ballew, 509th MOS. "You don't see that in a lot of Airmen."

He's also rekindled an old passion. He has excelled as a leading scorer on the base soccer team.

But his desire to become an aeronautical engineer remained. He decided to give his dream another try.

"My parents told me if you have the capability to do something you should do everything in your power to obtain your goals," said Airman Velati, who became a U.S. citizen in March 2003.

Airman Velati sent a student application letter to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., last February.

On May 14, his supervisor told him he had seen the Academy's first selections. He said it didn't look good. Airman Velati's heart sank. He tried to keep his composure.

While facing uncertain stress and anxiety waiting for the Academy's reply he had to conduct a briefing to the 509th MOS commander Lt. Col. Timothy Dennison. But the colonel had a surprise for him.

"Airman Velati," Colonel Dennison said after the briefing. "You will be contin-

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uing your training.”

Colonel Dennison paused.

“At the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. You’ve been selected for the Academy’s preparatory school.”

Airman Velati breathed a sigh of relief as he shook his commander’s hand.

“I think it’s a tremendous opportunity,” Airman Velati said of attending the Academy. “I see it as a very challenging place to get your education.”

Soon, he will leave Whiteman to attend the Academy’s preparatory school before beginning four years of life as a cadet. Maybe his road at the Academy will lead to a new career field. Maybe it will lead to an Aeronautical engineering slot. Maybe someday, he can travel back to Argentina, and tell his old friends, “I made it.”

Advertise in the *Whiteman Spirit*

A vertical banner for the Wings Over Whiteman Airshow. The top half features the text "Wings Over Whiteman" in a stylized, cursive font, with "Whiteman" written vertically. The background shows a biplane flying over a landscape. The bottom half of the banner contains the event details in a bold, sans-serif font.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Anthony DeGrote
509th Communications Squadron

Airman 1st Class Anthony DeGrote, 509th Communications Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Tuesday.

Senior Airman Tim Owens, 509th BW protocol office, nominated him for the award.

On April 22, Airman Owens called Airman DeGrote to check the status on a phone he ordered. Airman DeGrote examined the records and discovered the phone hadn't been ordered.

Airman DeGrote ordered the phone himself and provided a confirmation number for Airman Owens. Two days later, He told Airman Owens the phone was ready for pick-up.

“Airman DeGrote personally took care of a situation that could have impacted the (protocol) office,” Airman Owens said. “I deal with many base agencies that provide support to wing protocol.”

“Airman DeGrote emulates the Whiteman Spirit by

demonstrating excellence in his job and service to others.”

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Personal Wireless Communications Systems technician

Time on station: 1 year, 11 months

Time in service: 2 years, 10 months

Hometown: Lowell, Mich.

Hobbies: Cars, electronics and music.

Goals: To get a master's degrees in electrical engineering and computers and sail around the world.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people.

Pet peeves: When someone doesn't finish a sentence.

What motivates your winning spirit? Free medical and dental care.

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? The location.

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Super Students

Annual scholarships awarded to high school graduates, spouses



High school seniors Sara Demma, Joshua Bartholomew, Shannon Cary, Christopher Adams, Lauren St. Cyr, Corey Wielert, Mallory Revel and Sarah Kazy pose for a photo at the annual Whiteman Enlisted Spouses Club, Officers Spouses' Club, Air Force Association and First Command Financial scholarship event May 13 at Mission's End.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan



Spouses scholarship winners: Michelle Heying, Chelsea Pankratz, Michele Cline and Stacy Vanover pose for a photo. Not pictured is Nikki Traylor.

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Officers Spouses' Club, Air Force Association and First Command Financial awarded \$13,500 in scholarships May 13 at Mission's End.

Colonel Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, was the presenter at the awards reception.

The colonel congratulated the scholarship winners on their hard work and achievements. He thanked the spouses for providing this great opportunity through their work at the thrift shop and the Art Auction this year.

"This is how we influence people's lives and make a difference," Colonel Miller said.

The colonel emphasized the difference made is not only for each recipient and their families but also the bonds formed within the community while working toward this goal.

Ted Fluck, First Command representative, awarded and congratulated the award recipients. Air Force Association representative, Lt. Col. Fred Niblock, 509th BW, expressed his pride in participating in this program as he presented the AFA award in memory of Jack Lippolt to the Earl D. Clark Jr. chapter.

The scholarship award winners are:

High School students

Christopher Adams was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from ESC and OSC. He is the valedictorian of Warrensburg High School, an accomplished pianist and avid reader. Christopher has been accepted to the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va., and plans to study English and French. Christopher's parents are Lt. Col. Bruce and Denise Adams, 509th BW.

Joshua Bartholomew was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the ESC and OSC. Joshua is accepted into University of North Dakota to study pre-medicine. He wants to become a Pediatric Oncologist "to provide compassionate, ethical, and low-cost cancer treatments." Joshua's parents are Maj. Bruce and Christine Bartholomew, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander.

Shannon Cary was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from ESC and OSC. She will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia. Emily wants to become a wildlife veterinarian. She has a unique desire to learn animal psychology, to research astronomical phenomenon, and to speak and read endangered languages. Shannon's parents are retired Coast Guard Master Chief Petty Officer Timothy Cary and Patricia.

Sara Demma was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from First Command Financial. Having won many awards and honors, Sara placed second in her senior class at Knob Noster High School. Sara begins Columbia College in

the fall and wants to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Sara's parents are Tech. Sgt. David and Kathy Demma, 442nd Fighter Wing.

Sarah Kazy was awarded \$500 from ESC and OSC. Sarah's goals are to "experience other cultures and study abroad" and to "become a well-rounded individual." Sarah plans to study Education at the University of Missouri. Sarah's parents are retired Lt. Col. Joel and Melissa Kazy.

Mallory Revel was awarded \$500 from ESC and OSC. Mallory has been accepted into Honors College at Central Missouri State University. She plans to study History and attend Law School in order to become a prosecuting attorney. Mallory's parents are retired Master Sgt. Mark and Diane Revel.

Lauren St. Cyr was awarded a \$750 scholarship from ESC and OSC. Lauren is attending Southwest Missouri State University to study Elementary Education. Additionally, Lauren has expressed a desire to pursue an advanced degree in administration "to make positive changes in a school system." Lauren's parents are retired Maj. Gerald and Julie St. Cyr.

Corey Wielert was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the AFA. Corey plans to major in Geography, with dual minors in Economics and Political Science at Southwest Missouri State University. Corey's future plans include earning advanced degrees in Geography and working at the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. Corey's parents are retired Master Sgt. James and Teresa Wielert.

Spouses

Michele Cline was awarded \$2,500 scholarship from ESC and OSC. Michele is in the final year at Park University, completing a degree in Management and Accounting. Her dream is to attend Law School and eventually practice law in the areas of probate, guardianship, estate planning and tax. She commutes from Knob Noster to Kansas City to work full time as a paralegal, attends college full time in Kansas City, and has two children. She's married to Senior Master Sgt. Mark Cline, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Michelle Heying was awarded a \$750 scholarship from ESC and OSC. Michelle has completed her Associate's Degree by attending three different schools due to moving each year for three consecutive years. Mrs. Heying dreams of becoming a nurse, but it hasn't been possible before now. Her daughter begins kindergarten this fall which will allow her the opportunity to attend CMSU full time. Michelle said she is "up to the challenge, anything in life worthwhile takes work to achieve." She's married to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Heying, 509th MXS.

Chelsea Pankratz was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from ESC and OSC. Mrs. Pankratz spent eight years in the Air Force before getting out joining her husband, also active duty, in Missouri. Her childhood dream was to become an art teacher. She's married to Staff Sgt. Brian Pankratz, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Nikki Traylor was awarded a \$500 scholarship from ESC and OSC. As a mother of two children and wife of a 509th Security Forces Squadron member, Nikki is beginning her journey to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She looks "forward to all the challenges and opportunities to come as well as the honor of being a nurse." Mrs. Traylor is married to Airman Justin Traylor, 509th SFS.

Judges

Dr. Maurine Achauer - Dr. Achauer holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Nebraska. She's a long time member of the Base Community Council for Whiteman and Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce.

Tamara Achauer - Mrs. Achauer has a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Pomona College, Calif. As a member of the Long Beach, Calif., community, Mrs. Achauer serving on boards. For six years, Mrs. Achauer served on the Academic Planning Committee as a member of the Board of Trustees for a school in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Ann Houx - Mrs. Houx holds an Education Specialist Degree in Special Education, a Master's of Science in Art Education and a Bachelor of Science in Education. Mrs. Houx, a former Mayor of Warrensburg, has been extremely active in the Warrensburg and Whiteman communities.

Heidi Mackey - Mrs. Mackey is the assistant principal of the Whiteman Elementary school. She's from St. Louis and received her Elementary Education degree from the University of Kansas. She also has a Master's of Science and Education in Curriculum and Instruction and her Specialist in Education in Elementary Administration.

Delores Hudson - Mrs. Hudson is retired from Central Missouri State University after 22 years of service. She served as Director of Admissions at CMSU for the past 14 years. She is also a former mayor of Warrensburg and was the first chair of the Whiteman area steering counsel which brought the communities together for the arrival of the B-2.

Michelle Schulz, Ms. Schulz recently moved to Warrensburg from Quincy, IL. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration with a minor in Sociology and Political Science, and a Master's of Science Degree in Park, Recreation and Tourism Administration.



Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, speaks to scholarship winners and their guests. Colonel Miller also presented scholarships. More than \$13,500 in scholarship funds were given by the Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club and the Officers' Spouses' Club, Air Force Association and First Command Financial.

What’s happening

Education

Scholarships offered

The Sedalia Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee offers “Get Back to School” scholarships for spouses of enlisted members at Whiteman. Three \$150 scholarships to State Fair Community College are being offered and can be used for books, fees and tuition. Applications are available at the family support center, at the State Fair campus in Sedalia and at the SFCC, 600 East 3rd St., Sedalia. For more details, call Mike Haynes at 826-3388.

Community

Airmen Against Drunk Driving meet

Airmen Against Drunk Driving meets at 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the First Term Airmen Center. For more details, call Senior Airman Kelly Ruffo at 687-

Boys Town program set

The Boys Town common sense parenting class begins the first Thursday of each month. This three-week class offers parents of children ages 6-17 proven methods for reducing unwanted behavior. For more details or to register, call family advocacy at 687-4342.

Retirement dinner set

A retirement dinner for Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, begins at 5:30 p.m. June 3 at Mission’s End. R.S.V.P. with your first sergeant by Thursday. Dress is casual and the menu is Bronco Buffet. The cost is \$15.95 for club members and \$17.95 for non club members.

Airman’s attic open to all ranks

The Airman’s attic is open to all ranks now through June 16. Donators are reminded to donate items at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or when a staff member is present. Do not leave items outside the building. For more details, call Ann Beem at 687-2647.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Anxiety management class set

An anxiety management class begins at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. This June 8, four-session workshop focuses upon learning a set of skills for effective management of anxiety. Each session is packed with information that is practical, informative and helpful. For more details, call the life skills support center at 687-4340.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move overseas begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. PCS orders aren’t necessary spouses are encouraged to attend.

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Travel & Leisure

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Get ready for Summer

Get theme park tickets for Kansas City, St. Louis or Branson, Mo., for a summer vacation. Disney,* Seaworld* and more are also available through Tickets & Travel.

Sports & Recreation

Fitness center 687-5496

Whiteman Triathlon

Fowler's Family Auto* is sponsoring a triathlon June 26 which includes swimming 475 meters, a 10K bike ride and a 5K run. Men and women individual divisions or team divisions. Teams can be co-ed. Call the fitness center for more details and to sign up by June 23.

Stars and Strikes 687-5114

“Bowl for the Stars & Strikes”

Bowl a game or purchase a large Coca-Cola to receive a punch card (valid June 1 to Aug. 31). Each purchase receives a punch. When the card is completed and turned in, patrons will receive two free games of bowling, a medium Coca-Cola, a completion reward and eligibility to win monthly prizes at Stars & Strikes. Call Stars & Strikes for more details. Sponsored in part by Coca-Cola.*

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Pool hours and fees

The base pool is open 1:15-6 p.m. weekdays and noon-6 p.m. weekends beginning May 28. Active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and dependents can swim for \$1.50 and civilian guests can swim for \$2. Purchase a season pass by Thursday, \$45 family pass and \$20 single pass. Season passes purchased after Thursday are an additional \$5. Free admission for ID card holders on Memorial Day Weekend.

Boater safety class

This mandatory class involves classroom and lake activities for the intended use of rental boats with a 15-horsepower motor or more. Two sessions must be completed to qualify to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Session-one classes are available 11 a.m.-noon Thursday or June 10. Session-two classes are available 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 3 or 1-4:30 p.m. June 5. A combined session class is available 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 17. Learn Missouri state laws, rules about safety and using equipment. Spaces are limited, sign up early.

Open water scuba orientation

Get qualified on base to scuba dive at a scuba orientation class 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Scuba classes take place 5:30-10 p.m. June 14-18 at the base pool. The \$190 fee includes instruction, books and use of equipment. Call for requirements of personal equipment use. Sign up by Wednesday.

Intramural bass fishing

The fifth competition of the intramural bass fishing tournament is June 3 at Long Shoals Marina. A one-time entry fee of \$20 must be paid prior to the tournament. Call outdoor recreation for rules and more details.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Memorial Day four-person scramble

Celebrate Memorial Day by competing in the four-person scramble 8 a.m.-1 p.m. May 31 at Royal Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$15 per person. Cart rental and greens fee are not included. Sign up by Thursday.

Food & Fun

Mission's End 687-4422

ACC \$1 traditional BBQ buffet

Members only, bring your families out for a traditional barbecue buffet 6-8 p.m. June 4 at Mission's End. For only \$1, enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw and dessert.

Karaoke

Enjoy karaoke 8 p.m.-midnight June 4 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.

Community Activities

Family Child Care 687-5590

Profitable home-based career

Caregivers are needed for evenings, weekends, swing-shift workers, infants and for mildly-ill children. The Air Force offers a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child.

Community Center 687-5617

Dogs on 'pawade pawty'

Dress yourself and your dog in your party best for an afternoon of games, contests and prizes at 2 p.m. May 29. Enter for a chance to win a bike. Refreshments for you and your pets will be provided at this free event. Sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet* and Diamond Pet Foods.*

“Halo Free For All”

Ages 16 and up are invited to compete in a video game tournament 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 12. The cost for a team of four is \$10 or singles is \$5, prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Call the community center for more details and to sign up by June 11.

Library 687-5614

Summer reading club

Discover new trails at the base library in a summer reading club June 4-July 30. A kickoff party takes place 6-8 p.m. June 4. Ages 6-18 are welcome to join this program and read as many pages as they can. Grand prizes will be awarded to one child in each age group. Sponsored in part by Scholastic, Inc.* and Pizza Hut.*

Youth Center 687-5586

End of school celebration

Kindergarteners through 12th graders are invited to a party 6-10 p.m. tonight at the base lake pavilion. The cost of \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers includes food, drinks, games and prizes. Sign up now.

Part-day specialty camps

Three camps are available for fourth through seventh graders 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 7-10, June 14-17 and June 21-24. The \$30 fee for members and \$38 fee for nonmembers includes lunch. Pick up a registration package and sign up by June 4 at the youth center. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Auto.*

Splash Bash 2004

Lots of prizes, food and music! Come out to join the fun 6:30-9 p.m. June 11 at the base pool. The Ribbit Race and Build-A-Boat are sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet.*

Build-A-Boat 6:30 p.m.

Build and race a boat for \$1 to kick off the summer at the base pool. For other rules and registration for Build-A-Boat call the community center at 687-5617.

Ribbit Race 8 p.m.

To participate in the fifth annual Ribbit Race, come out today and purchase a frog to race at the event for \$3 or multiple frogs for a discounted price. The grand prizes include, a family trip to Orlando, Fla., a getaway to Lake of the Ozarks, a weekend in Branson, Mo., and a family weekend in Kansas City. For more information about the Ribbit Race call the youth center at 687-5586.

John Lennon Educational Tour Bus

Take a tour 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday of this non-profit, mobile recording studio.

Winners of Whiteman Idol will work with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus Staff to write, perform and record their own original song and music video.

The tour bus will be located in the BX parking lot for these two days only.

For more information on the John Lennon Tour Bus contact Jamie Jennings at 7-6525.

Ozark Inn 687-5469

The Ozark Inn is closed now through Aug. 1.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Stained glass mosaic class

Learn to make stained-glass mosaics tomorrow 1-4 p.m. at the skills development center. The cost of \$15 includes instruction and supplies. Sign up today by noon.

Framing class

Take a beginners' framing class 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 29 at the skills development center. The cost of \$40 includes instruction and supplies. Sign up by noon May 28.

Child Development Center 687-5588

Developmental Enrichment Program

Developmental Enrichment is accepting enrollments for fall pre-school. It's open to children 3- to 5 years-old not requiring full time care. Children must be 3 years old by July 31.

Drop-in care

The child development center has drop-in day care for all ages 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on a space available basis. Call for more details.

Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

Quality pet care

The veterinary clinic offers quality pet care with health exams, vaccinations, microchipping, heartworm testing and feline leukemia testing. Pets are seen by appointment 10 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

Teen Center 687-5819

Soccer Jams

This fitness event will give teens the opportunity to participate in pick-up soccer games and drills to improve their soccer skills. Teens are welcome for an evening of fun and games 6-8 p.m. June 7, 14 and 21. Call the teen center for more information.

Kansas City Royals bus trip

Travel to a Kansas City Royals vs. Montreal Expos baseball game 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. June 10. The cost of \$5 includes admission and transportation. Sign up by June 8 at the teen center.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

The Whole Ten Yards 7 p.m. PG-13
Starring- Bruce Willis & Matthew Perry

Saturday

Home on the Range 7 p.m. PG
Starring- Roseanne Barr & Cuba Gooding, Jr.

Sunday

The Alamo 5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring- Dennis Quaid & Billy Bob Thornton

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.

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